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Boating Safety Tips

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Sit down! Don't rock the boat! That is the advice the National Safe Boating Council gives to people who use small boats for hunting, fishing, or cruising.

A small boat is unstable and standing in the boat raises the center of gravity, which increases the instability of the boat. Many sportsmen have fallen overboard as they stood up to cast a line, land a catch, or answer nature's call.

The load of a boat affects its stability. Using the capacity plate as a guide for the safe amount to load on a boat, the boater should keep the weight of the load evenly distributed within the boat. If the operator must steer the outboard from the stern (back of the boat), the gear should be loaded as far forward as possible.

Most boats have flotation and if capsized or overturned will remain floating. Boaters who fall into the water are urged to keep calm, get back in the boat or climb onto the top of the overturned boat and wait for help.

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